

REMARKS

The Examiner issued an Office Action dated May 29, 2007 indicating Claims 1-30 were subject to an restriction/election requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121. However, Claims 31-45, which were added in a Preliminary Amendment dated August 6, 2004 were omitted from the restriction/election requirement. In a telephone conference with the Examiner on June 27, 2007, it was agreed that omitted Claims 31-45 are included in Invention Group I. Accordingly, Applicants elect the claims corresponding to the invention set out in Invention Group I of the Office Action (Claims 12-18 and 28-30, including Claims 31-45), without traverse, for prosecution.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed toward non-elected inventions.

Please cancel Claims 1-11, and 19-27 without prejudice.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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